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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

You Honor,

The settlement offer by Microsoft (MS) I consider an insult to the court. Per my understanding there's supposed to be a penalty, but in actuality is, in my professional opinion, a huge business opportunity for MS. MS should not give away free CD's for pennies on the dollar only to have a hole new market opened up for them in five years.

A much better solution, as offered by RedHat, is to have MS spend the same amount buying computers for the schools. Then, RedHat will donate not only the Operating System for free, for life. But also lots of software that can be used in any fashion the schools feel.

This would then create about 70 computers per school rather than the 30 MS solution would.

Sincerely,

Steve Szmidt